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AND THE

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1972

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ANNUAL REPORT

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March, 1973.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the state of the Public Health in the Urban District of Malvern for the year 1972.

The statistics indicate a generally satisfactory state of health in the District, in the year under review, and compare very favourably with the figures for England and Wales as a whole. There were only two infant deaths, both under four weeks of age, and one under one week of age. The infant mortality rate was, therefore, much lower than the National rate. (five per thousand, compared with seventeen per thousand live births).

The standardised death rate at 9.5 per thousand population, is significantly below the figure for England and Wales. (12.1). The table showing "Deaths By Ages", on page 5, reveals that the majority of deaths are occurring in the "ripe old age" group of 75 years and over. The same table also shows the very healthy state of the toddler, the school child, and the young adult sections of the population. There was not a single female death below the age of 35 years.

There was a significant fall in the birth rate. The reason for this is a matter for speculation, but it reflects a National trend as the following figures indicate:-

YEAR	Standardised Birth Rate (per 1,000 population).		Registrar General's estimate of the resident mid-year population of MALVERN U.D.	Total number of live births MALVERN U.D.
	MALVERN U.D.	ENGLAND & WALES		
1964	20.9	18.4	28,030	500
1965	18.8	18.0	28,320	454
1966	19.7	17.7	28,210	476
1967	17.06	17.2	28,630	414
1968	16.8	16.9	29,530	421
1969	14.4	16.3	29,810	364
1970	18.5	16.0	29,950	471
1971	16.9	16.0	30,380	434
1972	13.4	14.8	30,970	375

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continued./ and inland water

7,400 acres

Registrar General's estimate of resident population 37,970

87 cases of measles were notified during the year, 10 of scarlet fever, 1 case of whooping cough and 1 of infective jaundice.

Total number of births 11,910

There were no cases of smallpox, diphtheria or poliomyelitis.

Estimated value at 1.4.73.

23,437,230.

In conclusion I would like to thank my predecessor, Dr. H.F. Green, for a series of rural rides, during which he greatly increased my knowledge of the geography, the geology and the people of this District.

I should like to thank you, Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Council for extending a kind welcome to me when I arrived to take over my duties in the District.

I acknowledge with thanks the assistance received from the Officers of this Council, and especially from Mr. J.B. Franks, Chief Public Health Inspector, Mr. E.C. Barber and Miss Ann Harvey, in the preparation of this report.

	1971	1972	1973
Total	206 (1542)	169 (1432)	275 (434)

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

D.E. THOMPSON.

Crude	12.1	14.3	15.7	14.8	16.0	16.0
Cooperability Factor	1.11	1.12	1.10	1.70	1.00	1.00
Standardised	12.4	16.0	18.5	14.8	16.00	16.00

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS (per cent of total live births)

7.0 (7.0) 9.0 (8.0)

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS (per 1,000 of total live births)

70.0 (70.0) 90.0 (80.0)

STILL BIRTHS

	1971	1972	1973	Total
Legitimate	5 (3)	1 (1)		7 (4)
Illegitimate	1 (-)	1 (-)		2 (-)
Total	7 (3)	2 (1)		9 (4)

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS

204 (400)

STILL BIRTH RATE (per 1,000 live and still births)

	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973
	25	9	8	12	12	13

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS IN THE AREA

Area of land and inland water	7,400 acres
Registrar General's estimate of resident population	30,970
Number of dwelling houses	10,085
Total number of assessments	11,910
Rateable value at 1.4.73.	£3,423,230.
Sum represented by a penny rate at 1.4.73.	£35,000

VITAL STATISTICS

(1971 figures in brackets, except where stated).

LIVE BIRTHS

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	185 (224)	164 (178)	349 (402)
Illegitimate	21 (18)	5 (14)	26 (32)
Total	<u>206 (242)</u>	<u>169 (192)</u>	<u>375 (434)</u>

LIVE BIRTH RATE (per 1,000 population)

	<u>England & Wales</u>		
	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
Crude	12.1	14.3	15.7
Comparability Factor	1.11	1.18	1.18
Standardised	<u>13.4</u>	<u>16.9</u>	<u>18.5</u>

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS (per cent of total live births)

	<u>England & Wales</u>
7.0 (7.0)	9.0 (8.0)

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70.0 (70.0)	90.0 (80.0)

STILL BIRTHS

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	6 (3)	1 (1)	7 (4)
Illegitimate	1 (-)	1 (-)	2 (-)
Total	<u>7 (3)</u>	<u>2 (1)</u>	<u>9 (4)</u>

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS

384 (438)

STILL BIRTH RATE (per 1,000 live and still births)

	<u>England & Wales</u>		
	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
23	9	8	13

VITAL STATISTICS (continued)

DEATHS

<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>
143 (149)	196 (174)	339 (323)

DEATH RATE (per 1,000 population)

				<u>England & Wales</u>		
	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
Crude	10.9	10.6	11.2	12.1	11.6	11.7
Comparability Factor	0.87	0.88	0.88	1.00	1.00	1.00
Standardised	9.5	9.3	9.9	12.1	11.6	11.7

MAJOR CAUSES OF DEATHS (by percentages)

Diseases of Circulatory System	57%
Malignant Diseases (all forms)	16.2%
Respiratory Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis)	11.2%
Cancer of Lungs	3.5%
Accidents	1.5%
Suicides	0.9%
Tuberculosis	0.9%
Leukaemia	0.9%

DEATHS BY AGES

Age in Years	M	F	TOTAL
Under 1	2	-	2
1 - 4	1	-	1
5 - 14	-	-	-
15 - 24	1	-	1
25 - 34	1	-	1
35 - 44	3	2	5
45 - 54	8	11	19
55 - 64	15	16	31
65 - 74	46	43	89
75 and over	66	124	190
TOTAL	143	196	339

MATERNAL DEATHS (including abortion)

NIL (NIL)

VITAL STATISTICS (continued)

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE (per 1,000 live and still births)

NIL (NIL)

INFANT, NEONATAL AND PERINATAL DEATHS

Infant Deaths (under 1 year of age)

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2 (5)	- (2)	2 (7)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
	<u>2 (5)</u>	<u>- (2)</u>	<u>2 (7)</u>

NEONATAL DEATHS (deaths under 4 weeks of age)

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2 (4)	- (-)	2 (4)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
	<u>2 (4)</u>	<u>- (-)</u>	<u>2 (4)</u>

EARLY NEONATAL DEATHS (deaths under 1 week of age)

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1 (3)	- (-)	1 (3)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
	<u>1 (3)</u>	<u>- (-)</u>	<u>1 (3)</u>

PERINATAL DEATHS (still births and deaths of infants under one week)

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	7 (6)	1 (1)	8 (7)
Illegitimate	1 (-)	1 (-)	2 (-)
	<u>8 (6)</u>	<u>2 (1)</u>	<u>10 (7)</u>

INFANT, NEONATAL AND PERINATAL MORTALITY RATES

	<u>England & Wales</u>					
	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
Deaths of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	6	17	25	17	17	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	-	-	28	21	24	26
<u>Infant Mortality Rate.</u> (deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births)	<u>5</u>	16	25	<u>17</u>	18	18
<u>Neonatal Mortality Rate</u> (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births)	<u>5</u>	9	15	<u>12</u>	12	12
<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate</u> (still births and deaths of infants under 1 week per 1,000 live and still births).	<u>26</u>	16	21	<u>22</u>	22	23

TOTAL INFANT DEATHS = 2

(One death occurred under one week of age and one over one week and under four weeks of age).

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE MALVERN URBAN
DISTRICT, 1972.

<u>CAUSES OF DEATHS</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
1. Enteritis and other Diarrhoeal diseases	2	-	2
2. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	-	1	1
3. Late effects of Respiratory Tuberculosis	2	-	2
4. Malignant Neoplasm. Oesophagus	1	1	2
5. Malignant Neoplasm. Stomach	-	1	1
6. Malignant Neoplasm. Intestine	1	8	9
7. Malignant Neoplasm. Lung, Bronchus	8	4	12
8. Malignant Neoplasm. Breast	-	5	5
9. Malignant Neoplasm. Uterus	-	3	3
10. Malignant Neoplasm. Prostate	2	-	2
11. Leukaemia	2	1	3
12. Other Malignant Neoplasms.	6	13	19
13. Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms.	1	1	2
14. Diabetes Mellitus	2	-	2
15. Mental Disorders	-	1	1
16. Other Diseases of Nervous System	1	2	3
17. Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2	1	3
18. Hypertensive Disease	3	4	7
19. Ischaemic Heart Disease	41	30	71
20. Other forms of Heart Disease	6	26	32
21. Cerebrovascular Disease	21	39	60
22. Other Diseases of Circulatory System	6	14	20
23. Influenza	1	2	3
24. Pneumonia	10	12	22
25. Bronchitis and Emphysema	6	4	10
26. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	2	3
27. Peptic Ulcer	1	1	2
28. Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	1	2
29. Cirrhosis of Liver	1	2	3
30. Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	4	5
31. Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-	1
32. Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	3	2	5
33. Congenital Anomalies	1	-	1
34. Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	4	7	11
35. All other Accidents	2	3	5
36. Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	2	1	3
37. All other external causes	1	-	1
<u>TOTAL - ALL CAUSES</u>	143	196	339

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA.

Water Supplies

There are two main sources of Malvern Water. The first borehole is from Bromsberrow and Lintridge providing an abundant and good water supply. It is not contaminated in any way. The second is water collected from the hills around the British Camp, the reservoir lying in a hollow in these hills. This supply is more in the nature of a standby than a main supply.

The bacteriological examinations of water taken periodically from taps at various points in the town mains supply were uniformly satisfactory, showing the absence of faecal coli on each occasion.

MALVERN WATER (From the Wyche Filter House)

Physical Character.

1st May, 1972.

Colour	None
Odour	Slight chlorous
Deposit	None
pH	7.2

Chemical Examination (results expressed in parts per million)

Solids in Solution (Dried at 180°C)	240
Solids in Solution After Ignition	140
Chloride as Cl	18
Hardness Non-Carbonate as CaCO ₃	42
Hardness Carbonate " "	162
Hardness Total " "	204
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	0.01
Albuminoid Nitrogen	Trace
Nitrate Nitrogen	7.2
Nitrite Nitrogen	Nil
Permanganate Value (4 hours at 27°C)	0.15
Toxic Metals	None detected
Free Carbon Dioxide	15
Total Residual Chlorine	0.35
Iron as Fe	0.16
Manganese as Mn	Nil
Fluoride as F	0.10
Phosphate as PO ₄	Nil

Opinion of the Chemical Condition of the samples is satisfactory.

County Analyst.

Water Supply from Wells.

Only a few houses are supplied with water obtained from shallow wells. Samples are submitted from time to time to the Laboratory for analysis.

Public Cleansing.

This work is carried out under the direction of the Engineer and Surveyor. The disposal of household refuse is undertaken at the Guarlford Sewerage Works by means of tipping. Street sweeping in central area daily, elsewhere once weekly. Cesspool emptying by mechanical means as required.

Swimming Baths and Pools

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| (a) | Public Pool. | - | Public Pool owned by Local Authority. |
| (b) | Privately owned Pools open to the Public. | - | None. |
| (c) | Action taken to ensure the satisfactory condition of the water. | - | Frequent visits and bacteriological and chemical analysis. |

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Laboratory Services

Chemical analysis is carried out by arrangement with the County Laboratory at Worcester. Bacteriological examinations are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Worcester Royal Infirmary.

Clinics

There are none provided by this Authority.

The following clinics are provided by the Worcestershire County Council:-

Infant Welfare Centres.

The Clinic, Victoria Park Road.	Wednesdays	2.00 - 4.00 p.m.
Salvation Army Hall, Newtown Road.	2nd and 4th Monday in month	2.00 - 4.00 p.m.
Wyche Institute, Lower Wyche	1st Tuesday in month	2.00 - 4.00 p.m.
St. Mary's Church Hall, Sherrards Green.	Fridays	2.00 - 4.00 p.m.
Parish Hall, West Malvern.	1st Monday in month	2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Chiropody.

The Clinic, Victoria Park Road.	Tuesday - Monday, Wednesday and Thursday - Friday - 2nd and 4th Thursday. -	All Day. Morning. All Day. afternoon.
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Applications from Old Age Pensioners, Expectant Mothers and Handicapped people should be made to the County Medical Officer, Worcester.

Dental

The Grove School. Pickersleigh Grove.	by appointment	Applications made to Principal Dental Officer, Worcester.
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Occulist

The Clinic, Victoria Park Road.	by appointment	Applications made to County Medical Officer, Worcester.
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Hearing

The Clinic,
Victoria Park Road.

by appointment

Applications made to
County Medical Officer
Worcester.

Family Planning

The Clinic,
Victoria Park Road.

Thursdays

6.30 - 8.00 p.m.

Relaxation

The Clinic,
Victoria Park Road.

1st, 3rd, 5th,
Thursdays in the
month (by appoint-
ment).

2.00 - 4.30 p.m.

Speech Therapy

The Clinic,
Victoria Park Road.

Mondays - 9.30 - 12 noon
1.30 - 4.00 p.m.
Tuesdays - 1.30 - 4.00 p.m.
Fridays (Cases - 9.30 - 12 noon
referred by
School Health
Service)

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following table shows the number of infectious diseases notified during 1972:-

<u>Disease</u>	<u>All Ages</u>	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-9	10-14	15-24	25+	N.K.
Measles	87	1	9	4	9	11	50	3	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	10	-	1	-	2	-	4	1	1	1	-
Whooping Cough	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

PROPHYLAXIS

<u>Diphtheria Immunisation</u>	<u>Ages 0 - 4 years</u>	<u>Ages 5 - 16 years</u>	<u>Total</u>
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Children who received a full course of primary immunisation	365	23	388
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Children who received a reinforcing injection	1	226	227
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Whooping Cough Immunisation

Children who completed a primary course of immunisation	333	16	349
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Tetanus Immunisation

Children who completed a primary course of immunisation	365	42	407
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Children who received a reinforcing injection	2	327	329
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Polio Immunisation

Children who completed a primary course of immunisation	363	24	387
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Children who received a reinforcing injection	3	320	323
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Smallpox Vaccination

	<u>under 1 year</u>	<u>1 - 2 years</u>	<u>2 - 4 years</u>	<u>5 - 16 years</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Primary</u>	-	2	-	2	4
<u>Revaccination</u>	-	-	-	-	-

Rubella Vaccination

Number Vaccinated (girls 11 - 13 years)

G.P.	47	Clinic	98	<u>Total</u>	145
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Measles Vaccination

<u>Year of Birth</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968-65</u>	<u>1964-56</u>
	-	244	33	5	16	5
<u>TOTAL</u>	- 303					

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, SECTION 47.

No persons were removed to hospital under the 1951 amended Act of the National Assistance Act.

The Council House,
Malvern.

March, 1973.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting the following report, dealing with the work undertaken by your Public Health Inspectors during the year 1972.

It is customary to comment on one or two aspects of our activities, and I make no apology for referring, once again, to improvement grants.

Statistics show how this facet of our duties has increased since the inception of the Housing Act, 1969. The 1972 figures show an increase of almost 44% over the preceeding year.

It has to be accepted that whilst a modicum of success has been achieved in the improvement, modernisation and renovation of sub-standard houses, the majority of these have been in Owner/occupation.

It may well be, that if dwellings in this category were made eligible for the 75% (i.e. £1,500) grant, available to all premises in specified development areas, Landlords may find the necessary incentive to improve their properties.

Food Hygiene has again played a prominent part in our duties, and a second Course was organised, in conjunction with the Malvern College of Further Education, for the Royal Society of Health Diploma in Food Hygiene. The Course proved very successful and seven candidates passed the examination, three with credit.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

J.B. FRANKS.

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS.

Inspection of Shops	169
" " Factories	97
" " Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	243
" " Bakehouses	6
" " Restaurant Kitchens	217
" " Outworkers Premises	1
" " Butchers Shops, P.H. Meat Regs.	145
" " Dairies	60
" " Food Shops	560
" " Fish Friers	18
" " Places of Public Entertainment	12
" " Schools	14
" " Licensed Premises	16
" " Public Conveniences	31
Special Visits, advisory Interviews etc.	3,960
Visits re: Infectious Disease	27
" Rat Infestations	267
" Atmospheric Pollution	12
" Noise Abatement	117
Miscellaneous	273
Housing, including Inspections of dwelling houses.	1,427
Petroleum Storage Installation.	133
TOTAL	<u>7,805</u>

COMPLAINTS

The register shows that 592 complaints were received during the year under review, these having reference to the following matters:-

Blocked and Defective Drainage	53
Defective Closet Accommodation	1
Defective Conditions in Dwelling Houses	33
Offensive Odours from Drains	2
Non-collection of House Refuse	11

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Verminous Premises	44
Wasp's Nests	29
Infestations of Rats and Mice	205
Food and Drugs Act	50
Clean Air Act	20
Noise Abatement Act	61
Miscellaneous	83

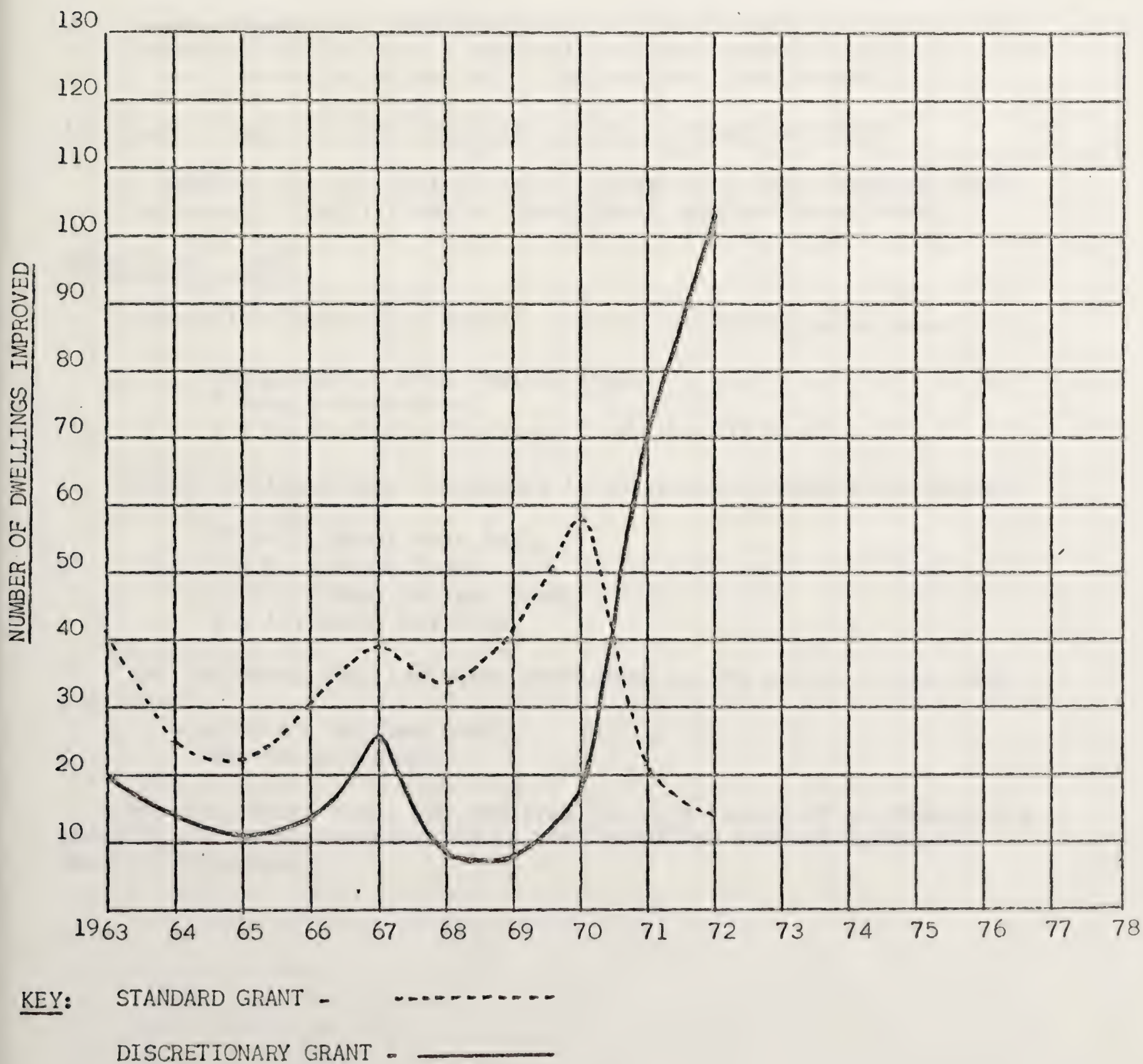
RENT ACT 1957

No action was taken during 1972.

LAND CHARGES ACT 1925

Requests for information concerning properties on which a Search for Local Land Charges is made to the Clerk of the Council, are dealt with by this Department where applicable; 1,029 enquiries were investigated during the year.

HOUSING ACT 1969 - GRAPHICAL STATISTICS OF IMPROVEMENT GRANTS - 1963 - 1972



IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

98 Discretionary Grants were made in respect of individual houses and 6 Discretionary Grants for conversion of other properties, providing 12 dwellings, were approved in 1972, an increase of 42% on the previous year; Standard Grant approvals diminished from 22 to 15. In terms of hard cash, grants approved totalled £60,617. overall - an increase of £5,787. or 10½% on 1971.

The following table shows comparative figures over the past ten years, and as shown in the graph on page 14 .

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
Discretionary Grants approved.	20	15	12	13	24	8	8	19	73	104
Standard Grants approved.	41	26	23	30	39	34	41	58	22	15
	<u>61</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>119</u>

Qualification Certificates

(a) Where the dwelling already satisfies the conditions

9 applications for Qualification Certificates were pending at the beginning of the year; 5 applications were received during the year; 4 Certificates were granted; 2 refused and 8 are pending.

(b) Where a dwelling does not have all the standard amenities

2 applications for Qualification Certificates were received during the year; 2 Certificates of Provisional Approval were issued.

HOUSING ACT, 1957

Demolition Orders were made in respect of the following properties:-

108,110,112, Lower Howsell Road.
7 & 9, Newtown Road.
3 & 4, Shernacre Cottages, Lower Howsell Road.

Eight dwellings were demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders:-

53 & 55, Hayes Bank Road.
7 & 9, Newtown Road.
65 & 67, West Malvern Road.
9 & 11, Yates Hay Road.

The following dwellings were demolished as the result of informal action:-

47 & 49, Bellars Lane.
34, Newtown Road.

No. 103, Court Road, was rendered fit as a result of an Undertaking given by the owner and accepted by the Council in lieu of making a Demolition Order.

OVERCROWDING IN DWELLING HOUSES

Ten new cases of overcrowding were reported or discovered. This increased the number of cases on our records to twenty.

The cases mainly refer to overcrowding of rooms, normally used for sleeping purposes in excess of the "permitted" number.

During the year thirteen cases were abated, thus leaving seven on record.

Ten families were rehoused by the Council and three obtained their own accommodation. The cases are placed in the following categories:-

- | | | |
|-----|--|---------|
| (a) | Increase where one family are sole occupants | Nil |
| (b) | Increase where family is in lodgings | 8 cases |
| (c) | Married son or daughter making home with the in-laws | 5 cases |

INFECTIOUS DISEASE, DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

In accordance with usual practice, and where necessary, investigations relating to infectious disease are made, on notification to the Medical Officer of Health.

Five loads of bedding were steam disinfected, twenty rooms were fumigated. Infestations of cockroaches, silver fish, red spiders, bed bugs, ants, flies and fleas were dealt with at various premises.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

Application for renewal of a licence in respect of premises, already used in a small way for boarding of cats and dogs, was received.

An inspection was made and a licence was subsequently issued.

SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964

This Act came into operation on the 1st July, 1965, and provides among other requirements, that no person may carry on the business of a scrap metal dealer unless he is registered by the Council.

Seven persons are now registered.

PET, ANIMALS ACT, 1951.

The proprietors of two businesses have been licenced to keep a pet shop at their premises, both situated in Newtown Road.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The provision of the Factories Act, 1961, which your Council has to administer, chiefly relates to the following matters:-

1. Factories where mechanical power is used.
 - (a) Provision and maintenance of sanitary conveniences for both sexes.
2. Factories where mechanical power is not used.
 - (a) Cleanliness.
 - (b) Overcrowding.
 - (c) Ventilation.

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2. (d) Drainage.
- (e) Provision and maintenance of sanitary conveniences for both sexes.
- (f) Temperature control.

3. Sanitary Regulations for Bakehouses.

4. Homework.

The following table shows the list of factories on the Register:-

Agricultural Engineers	3
Automatic Packing and Weighing Machine Manufacturers	1
Bakehouses	4
Bread Slicing and Wrapping	1
Blacksmiths	2
Bicycle Repairs	1
Boot Repairs	3
Breeze Block Manufacturers	1
Clothing Manufacturers	1
Concrete Slabs	2
Construction Engineers	1
Coppersmiths and Engineers	1
Dairy Engineers	1
Dental Laboratory	1
Diesel Engine Repairs	1
Dressmaking, Millinery et cetera	4
Electrical Instrument Manufacturers	1
Electrical Switchgear Assembly	1
Exothermic Powders	1
Fabricated Steel Products	1
Fireplace Manufacturers	1
Flexible Plastic Ventilating Tubes	1
Fruit Cannery	1
General Engineering	8
Glass Syringes	1
Glove Making	1
Hemp Drying and Processing	1
Joinery	16
Laundry	1
Light Engineers	2
Machinery Repairs	1
Machine Tool Manufacturers	1
Marine Dealer	1

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Metal Turning	1
Motor Cycle Repairs	1
Motor Manufacturers	1
Motor vehicle body repairs and spraying	3
Motor repairs	29
Organ Building	1
Ornamental Ceramics	1
Photographic	2
Piano Repairs	1
Plant Repairs	2
Plastic Moulding et cetera	3
Polishes and Dressings	1
Pottery	1
Precision Engineers	2
Printers	3
Road Tanker Manufacturers	1
Roofing Contractors	1
Sausage Making	10
Saw Mills	1
Sheet Metal Work	1
Spectacle Manufacturers	1
Stone Masons	2
Tailoring	2
Tinsmiths	1
Tools and Dyes	1
Toy Distributors	1
Tyre Repairs	1
Upholsterers	5
Water Works	1
Watch Repairs	3
Wireless, Television and Electrical Repairs	9

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The number of inspections made of factories are as follows, the table being in accordance with the requirements of the Home Office.

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	42	75	-	-
Factories not included above which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	119	93	-	-
Other premises which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	161	168	-	-

Cases in which defects were found:-

DEFECT	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instigated.
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness S.1.	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding S.2.	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature S.3.	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation S.4.	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of floors S.6.	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences. S.7.					
(a) Insufficient	2	2	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	4	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	7	7	-	-	-

FACTORIES ACT, 1961OUTWORK - Part VIII of the Act, Sections 133 and 134.

Section 133			Section 134		
No. of Outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (C)	No. of cases of default in sending list to Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices Served	Prosecutions.
Wearing apparel Making et cetera 1.	-	-	-	-	-
Cleaning and Washing. -	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL 1.	-	-	-	-	-

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

At the 31st December, 1972, the number of registered premises was 257, as under:-

Offices	80
Retail Shops	158
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	5
Catering Establishments open to Public	11
Fuel Storage Depots	3

Section 60 of this Act, requires that Annual Reports are made to the Minister in a specified form. A statistical report on the procedure was duly sent to the appropriate office early in the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The number of retail dairymen or milk purveyors is now twenty one. Distribution of milk is kept under observation. Vehicles used for this purpose are frequently inspected.

Fifty four visits were made to dairy premises for the purpose of inspection or to collect samples of milk on arrival from the place of production.

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS, 1963.

Samples of milk are taken to the Public Health Laboratory, Worcester for statutory and phosphatase examination, details are as follows:-

Statutory examinations were carried out on twenty four samples of milk and conformed to the required standard. Two samples were void because of weather conditions.

Twenty six samples of pasteurised milk were subjected to the phosphatase test, with satisfactory results.

ICE CREAM

Ninety two premises are now registered for the sale of ice cream. Most of the ice cream is sold prepacked. Inspections are made as to the means of storage and the methods of dispensing this commodity.

FOOD HYGIENE

The following table required by the Department of Health and Social Security, sets out the various types of businesses embraced in the general term food premises, which call for supervision to maintain the standards required by the provisions of the Food Hygiene Regulations:-

List of Food Premises	Number	*Compliance with Reg.16	**Compliance with Reg. 19
Bakers and Confectioners	10	10	6
Canteens	12	12	12
Dairies	1	1	1
General Stores	12	12	4
Grocers	44	44	32
Hotels	21	21	21
Licensed Premises	51	51	51
Butchers	20	20	20
Confectioners and Sweets	20	20	-
Fishmongers	8	8	8
Fish Friers	3	3	3
Green Grocers	14	14	11
Restaurants and Refreshment Rooms.	18	18	16
TOTAL	234	234	185

* Compliance with Reg. 16 - Wash Hand Basin.

** Compliance with Reg. 19 - Facilities for washing food and equipment.

The number of premises which are required to comply with Regulation 19 is one hundred and eighty five.

UN SOUND FOOD

The following is a list of unsound meat and other foods, examined by your Inspectors at Food premises and is now subsequently destroyed by incineration.

112½ lbs beef. 10 lbs pork. 28 lbs fish. 33½ lbs chicken.
28 lbs butter. 22 lbs margarine. 10 lbs cheese.
83 lbs canned meats. 310 lbs canned fruits.

Food destroyed due to deep freeze and refrigeration breakdowns:-

61 packets; 158 lbs assorted foods. ½ gallon ice-cream.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.

This Act prescribes certain standards of cleanliness in the manufacture, use and storage of rag flock and other filling materials, and provides for the registration of upholsterers and certain other businesses such as toymakers and licensing of manufacturers of rag flock et cetera.

Two premises are registered under the provision of this Act.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

Legal proceedings were taken under the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. The details are briefly stated as follows:-

Case 1. The owner of a grocery shop was prosecuted for having in his possession for the purpose of sale, 90 lbs of unfit bacon; for selling 1½ lbs of unfit bacon to a Malvern housewife, and for exposing for sale 4 lbs of unfit bacon.

The grocer pleaded guilty to two of the charges and not guilty to the third. He was found guilty on all counts and fined £15. for each offence with £5. costs.

Case 2. The proprietors of a hotel were prosecuted for having in their possession 26 lbs meat which was intended, but unfit for, human consumption.

A fine of £75. was imposed in this case.

Case 3. A Dairy Company was prosecuted for two offences of selling milk containing pieces of glass.

The Company was fined £70. on each count and ordered to pay £10. costs.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

The routine rodent control surveys have been carried out throughout the District. Particular attention has been given to the sewers and refuse tips, where surveys and treatments are regularly maintained. The water courses and ditches in the Rural part of the town are also frequently inspected and all minor infestations are speedily followed up.

I am pleased to record that our Operative has continued to be conscientious and efficient in the control of pests in the District.

CONCLUSION

I wish to thank Dr. D.E. Thompson for his co-operation in matters of mutual concern, the Clerk of the Council, the Treasurer, the Engineer and Surveyor and Members of their respective departments, who have always been ready to advise on inter-departmental problems.

My thanks are also due to the Staff of this office for their continued loyal support.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge my appreciation and thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Highways and Health Committee and the Housing Committee, for the interest and consideration shown in matters pertaining to the Department.

J.B. FRANKS,
Chief Public Health Inspector.

